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PROCEEDINGS

The Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina began its eighth annual session at 10:30 A. M., in St. Mark's Church, Wilson, N. C., Rev. Robert N. Perry, rector. The processional hymn was No. 510. The following clergy were in the procession and participated in the services: The Rev. Messrs. Robert J. Johnson, James K. Satterwhite, Charles H. Male, Robert N. Perry, James E. King, Primus P. Alston, J. W. Perry, Archdeacons Hughes and Delany and Bishop Cheshire. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion by Bishop Cheshire, assisted by Archdeacons N. Collin Hughes and H. B. Delany.

The afternoon session was called to order by Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire at 4 o'clock. Charles H. Boyer was elected secretary of the Convocation.

The roll was called and the following clergy and laity responded:

Charlotte, St. Michael and All Angels'—Rev. P. P. Alston, A. Myron Cochran.

Durham—Rev. Robert J. Johnson.

Greensboro—Rev. J. K. Satterwhite.

Littleton, St Anna's—

Louisburg, St. Matthias'—Messrs. George Pollard, Boyd Foster.

Oxford—Rev. C. H. Male.

Pittsboro—Rev. J. E. King.

Raleigh, St. Ambrose—Rev. J. E. King.

Raleigh, St. Augustine's—Rev. H. B. Delany, Charles H. Boyer.

Satterwhite—Rev. C. H. Male, Simeon Peace, Andrew Peace.

Spies—By letter from Mr. Joel T. Fuller.

Statesville—Rev. P. P. Alston.

Tarboro, St. Luke's—Rev. J. W. Perry.

Warrenton, All Saints'—Otis Green.

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Warren County, St. Luke's—Robert Harris.

Wilson, St. Mark's—Rev. Robert N. Perry.

Winston—Rev. J. K. Satterwhite.

The following committees were appointed:

State of the Church—Rev. John W. Perry, Rev. Charles H. Male, Mr. Otis Green, Mr. Simeon Peace, Mr. W. B. Foster.

Finance—Rev. Primus P. Alston, Rev. James K. Satterwhite, Mr. Wiley Latham, Mr. Charles H. Boyer, Mr. Robt. L. Harris.

Education—Rev. Robert N. Perry, Rev. Robert J. Johnson, Mr. A. Myron Cochran, Mr. George C. Pollard, Mr. Andrew Peace.

Appropriations—Rev. Henry B. Delany, Rev. James E. King, Mr. Robert N. Perry, Mr. Charles H. Boyer.

The Bishop then read his annual address:

In connection with the general interests of our work I submit to the Convocation the very important and the very perplexing question of how best we may apportion among our clergy and teachers the annual appropriation made us by the Board of Missions. The amount for the year 1909-'10, beginning September 1st, is $5,000—the same as that allowed us last year. I have heretofore submitted to the Convocation a scheme for dividing this out to the different clerical and lay workers, and asked the advice of the Convocation as to amending or changing my proposed scheme. This has always resulted in a vote by the Convocation approving my distribution, but urging me to obtain a larger appropriation. This year I make no suggestions. I put the whole matter before you, and ask you to advise me how this $5,000 may best be used in the support and furtherance of our work. And I call your attention to the fact, already stated, that we have two additional clergymen to provide for—the Rev. James K. Satterwhite and the Rev. Robert J. Johnson.

When you come to face this situation, I feel sure that you will realize that the only solution must be found in increasing the amounts contributed by our own people. Ultimately this must be our dependence—what we can do for ourselves. No people can ever be permanently dependent on others with safety to their

own character. Unless our work increases in its capacity to support itself, there must be some fatal weakness in it. When a committee is appointed by this Convocation to consider the financial situation, I desire that they should ascertain and report to this Convocation first of all what each parish and mission of the Convocation has during the past year contributed towards its own support, in contributions, to the salary of its minister, to our Convocation missions, and to its own current expenses. We must find out and set forth the facts, and then consider whether we are doing our full duty in this matter. If we shall conclude that we are not doing all that we ought to do, then we must all join in and see how we may better the situation.

What I have just set forth is what we should do in any case. Our present financial situation makes it imperative at this present time. But, furthermore, recent action by the Board of Missions accentuates the necessity of thus arousing ourselves and our people to renewed exertions. I have been notified that from this time on the Board of Missions will make no appropriations for missionary and pastoral (*as distinguished from educational*) work, except on a basis of one-third of the support of such work being supplied by the local field or by the Diocese. This creates for us a very serious situation. We must now see that we give our clergy and other workers at least half as much from our local sources of supply as they receive from the Board of Missions; that is to say, that a clergyman receiving $400 a year from our annual appropriation must receive not less than $200 from some local source, either his own congregation or from the Diocese; one receiving $360 from the fund supplied by the Board must receive from local or Diocesan sources not less than $180, etc. The Board of Missions have determined to demand this degree of co-operation and to let all feel that local support must be developed in all our missionary work. It is useless to support missionaries unless they bring people into the church and build up the churches to which they minister; and if people are brought into the church they must for their own good be taught to sustain the church. Unless a Christian is giving him-

self and his substance to the cause of Christ, he is no real Christian. So we must do what we can for our work; and the Board of Missions has now laid down this rule, that where the Board gives two dollars the local church (in the congregation or the Diocese) must give one dollar. That is the *minimum*. Our stronger congregations should give more. This subject of the development of self-help is the most important subject we have before us for consideration.

He was followed by Archdeacon Delany, who made his annual report, illustrating the extent of the territory of the Diocese.

After the Archdeacon's address, the Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Archdeacon of the Convocation of Raleigh, was introduced to the Convocation by Bishop Cheshire.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's address referring to self-support in the Diocese, as required by the Board of Missions, was referred to a special committee. The Bishop appointed on that committee the Rev. H. B. Delany.

Eulogistic remarks were made on the life and work of Mr. John Wilkes and the Rev. Dr. Murdoch by Archdeacon Delany, Bishop Cheshire and the Rev. P. P. Alston.

On motion, Rev. J. E. King, P. P. Alston, H. B. Delany and A. Myron Cochran were appointed on a committee to draw up resolutions on Mr. Wilkes and Dr. Murdoch.

Reports from the several missions:

Charlotte.—Mr. Cochran reported that a class of six persons had been confirmed and 200 pupils enrolled in the school. Students have made good records at other schools after leaving St. Michael's. The Woman's Auxiliary has taken on new life the past year, due to the work of Miss Connie Young. The choir is doing good work under the direction of Mr. Cochran. Mr. Alston read a tabulated report of his work and spoke at length in the interest of the school, impressing the fact of the necessity of an endowment to put the school on a sure foundation.

For Louisburg, Mr. George C. Pollard said that the work is growing. Has a good Sunday school; also a good day school, though the schoolhouse is too small. The Woman's Auxiliary

and the Junior Auxiliary are doing well. The Archdeacon made one visit and encouraged the congregation greatly by his presence.

Rev. J. E. King reported for St. Ambrose. The parish is growing in numbers and usefulness, the various church organizations being in a flourishing condition. Celebrated his fourteenth year of service at St. Ambrose last June. He then read a tabulated report of his year's work.

Mr. Charles H. Boyer reported for St. Augustine's Chapel. He stated that the church was doing much for the betterment of the people of the community, through the various organizations, namely, the Mothers' Meeting, the Sunday school, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. All diocesan pledges have been met.

Rev. J. W. Perry gave an interesting statement of conditions in his parish. He said the school was doing much for the people, but not much for the church. He read some comparative statistics, showing how favorably the work of his school compared with others of the Diocese. He called attention to the fact that many of the day scholars never attended the Sunday school, and suggested that some compulsory measures be adopted to cause attendance in Sunday school.

On motion, it was voted to hold the sessions from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., from 3:30 P. M. to 6 P. M., and to hold evening services at 8:30 P. M.

Thursday—Night Session.

Evening services were held in the church, beginning at 8:30 P. M. The Psalter was read by Rev. P. P. Alston, the lessons by Bishop Cheshire, and the prayers by Rev. C. H. Male. After singing hymn 586, Rev. James K. Satterwhite was introduced as the preacher of the evening. He chose as his text St. John, eighth chapter, twelfth verse: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth after me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Offerings were taken for the benefit of the Convocation. Closing prayers were said by the Bishop, after which the services were concluded with the singing of hymn 679 as recessional.

Friday—Morning Session.

The business session began at 10:30 A. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Education reported, as follows:

To the Convocation of 1909:

We, your Committee on Education, submit our report, as follows:

In looking over the works throughout the Convocation we find that the various schools maintained form no small part of the positively effective phases of these works.

Quite a degree of satisfaction is felt at the progress that is evidenced in every case, and especially at the thoroughness of the work as it is set forth and carried out at St. Augustine's School at Raleigh. We do most heartily urge the extension of the curriculum of St. Augustine's School to that point where the course given there will suffer in no degree when brought in comparison with the courses of the institutions around us maintained by our denominational friends. We further believe that the right of granting degrees would add a very great deal to the influence and worth of this school, and would urge that such steps be taken as may be necessary for the securing of this right to St. Augustine's School.

We observe that all the works are holding their own in point of members, and by the courses of study maintained are effecting for great good the lives of many pupils, and are preparing them well in many instances for undertaking further and more advanced work in other and higher schools.

We further recommend a hearty co-operation on the part of this Convocation with the Rev. Primus P. Alston in his efforts to place upon a permanent basis the work at St. Michael's, Charlotte, by the procuring of an endowment fund. This work, standing, as it were, next to St. Augustine's in extent of plan

and as the foremost exponent of the church in the western part of the Diocese, should claim a large share of our sympathetic and prayerful interest, and it should be our care that the permanency of this work be assured.

Andrew Peace,
A. Myron Cochran,
Robt. N. Perry,
Robert J. Johnson,
Geo. C. Pollard.

The report was adopted.

The reports of the missions were resumed.

Mr. Otis Green read a tabulated report of the work of All Saints' Church, Warrenton. He said that the several church organizations and outside individuals are showing renewed interest in the work. The day school is well attended, but only about three out of the one hundred children attend the Sunday school.

Mr. Male reported for Satterwhite. The people are doing well. Interest has been awakened in the church and among the people by the institution of a vested choir.

In Oxford they need more room, and steps have been taken to enlarge the building. Though they have no day school, the Sunday school is well attended. This is largely due to his visitations among the people.

Mr. Simeon Peace said he thinks the work at Satterwhite is growing. He says that the visitation of the Archdeacon has been a great incentive to the congregation, and the people are manifesting an increasing desire to know more about the church.

Mr. James K. Satterwhite then reported for the mission at Winston. He read a complete financial report. It showed that the church is clear of all debt. The outlook is very hopeful. They are drawing the attention of the older people, though they have a greater hold on the children. He sugegsted that a kindergarten teacher be employed to teach the little folks, to play the organ and to teach the church's music.

At Greensboro the people seem to be very anxious for the church. There is a communicant list of 14 already, and there will be a class for confirmation as soon as the Bishop can visit them. There is great need of a good church building in a desirable locality, and efforts are being made now to secure a lot.

Mr. Johnson said that he has been in Durham just two months, but that the outlook is very good. He started the Sunday school with 15 members. He has 13 communicants, active members. The place of worship is very undesirable; so they are striving to secure a suitable lot and build a church. He hopes to accomplish much good there.

Rev. P. P. Alston spoke for Statesville. He said it is a hard place to work; not much chance for growth, but that he disliked to have the work discontinued, on account of the faithfulness of the few members who are there.

Rev. Robert Perry, of Wilson, said that his school work is most encouraging, there being over 200 pupils. Has built a good building for school and parish house; has a good night school also. The church is doing well, meeting all financial obligations. The members have increased the rector's salary to $10 per month. He said that there was great interest shown among the people at Rocky Mount. They have 17 communicants, there have been 5 baptisms, and there is a confirmation class of 12 ready to be confirmed as soon as the Bishop can visit them.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg to state we have examined all reports which have come into our hands, and have listened carefully to all verbal reports, and find that some progress has been made since our last Convocation. Two ministers have been added to our ranks and four missions have been started, namely, one each at Winston, Greensboro, Durham and Rocky Mount. But not so much progress, in our judgment,

has been made as should have been. Much stress has been laid on parish school work. Earnest appeals have been made for more money to make the parish schools more efficient. Much has been said about Sunday school work and its growth.

We find from examining reports that the church, through this Convocation, is not growing numerically as it should.

We find, after examining reports for the past several years, that not one-half of the children of our parish schools attend the Sunday school and the services of the church.

Therefore we earnestly request the Bishop to make some rule by which only a certain number will be received into day school on condition that they attend the Sunday school.

In our judgment we feel that it is an injustice for any teacher in the day school to accept the salary as an instructor without giving a fair proportion of his time to teaching those enrolled in the Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. W. Perry,
Chairman.
Rev. Chas. H. Male,
Otis M. Green,
W. Boyd Foster,
Simeon Peace.

The report was adopted.

Mr. King, reporting for Pittsboro, said that the congregation has met all its obligations. They have paid the traveling expenses of the minister. He urged support for a parochial school there.

The report of the Special Committee on Memorial Resolutions was read.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas it has pleased our blessed Father to call unto Himself the souls of two of the church's most loyal supporters—the one a clergyman, Rev. Dr. Murdock, of Salisbury; the other a layman, Capt. John Wilkes, of Charlotte; and

Whereas in these two men we have known types of the most thoroughly consecrated churchmanship, and likewise types of the most stalwart Christian character; be it

Resolved, That in the demise of these two men the church has lost most ardent and zealous supporters, the educational efforts of the church two of its most interested exponents, and Christion character two of its best types.. Be it

Resolved, That the Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina place itself on record in loving appreciation of these two thoroughly sincere friends and counsellors.

Rev. Jas. E. King,
Rev. Henry B. Delany,
Rev. Primus P. Alston,
Rev. A. Myron Cochran,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Appropriations reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

We, your committee to whom was entrusted the arrangement of appropriations for the fiscal year, beg leave to offer the following schedule:

That the school at Charlotte be allowed	$10.00
At Littleton	3.00
At Louisburg	3.00
At Raleigh (St. Ambrose)	6.00
At Tarboro	4.00
At Warrenton	2.00
At Wilson	1.50

We further recommend that one-third of the amount appropriated for the salaries of the present clergy, $600, be applied to the salaries of the Rev. James K. Satterwhite and Robert Johnson, our newly ordained brethren. But we earnestly hope that the Bishop of the Diocese may soon be able not only to

restore but to increase the salaries of our faithful clergy commensurate with their labors.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. H. B. Delany,
Chairman.
Rev. J. E. King,
Rev. R. N. Perry,
Chas. H. Boyer.

The report was adopted.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draw up a petition to the Board of Missions to restore that part of the apportionment ($600) which the clergy voluntarily gave up, in order that the two additional ministers might be provided for, and ask them also to increase the salaries of the clergy. Rev. P. P. Alston, Rev. H. B. Delany and Mr. A. Myron Cochran were appointed on the committee.

PETITION TO BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions, New York, N. Y.:

The Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina, in annual session assembled, with the Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire presiding, do herewith memorialize the Board of Missions and call their attention to the action of the clergy in voluntarily offering to cut down their already small stipends, which are now of the low average of three hundred dollars ($300), in order to secure support for two young clergymen who have been ordained and appointed to stations in the Diocese. Not only was it necessary to make this sacrifice in the stipends of the clergy, but in more than one case the parochial schools, which are such effective levers in the unlift and development of our people and in disseminating the church's teachings, have had to be discontinued.

We further call the attention of the Board to the fact that the church cannot spread her borders without workers, and the most capable and desirable workers cannot be secured without the

guarantee of support, in a measure, commensurate with their ability.

We therefore humbly and respectfully make an urgent appeal to the Board, having the co-operation of Bishop Cheshire in so doing, that they come to our assistance to the fullest possible extent, and so help us to continue satisfactorily present works and to open up new works. We join our requests to those already expressed to the Board by our Bishop that the appropriation to this Convocation be increased at least one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500).

Rev. Henry B. Delany,
Rev. Primus P. Alston,
A Myron Cochran,
Committee.

Mr. Robert Harris reported for St. Luke's, Warren County. He read a tabulated report. They have had regular services once every month. By this means the attendance has been increased. The day school and Sunday school are both in good condition.

The report of the Treasurer, the Rev. A. B. Hunter, was read by the Secretary.

Report of the Rev. A. B. Hunter, Treasurer of the Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina, for the Year Ending September 1, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

	S. S.	*Wo. Aux.*	*Total.*
Bishop Cheshire, toward traveling expenses of delegates	----	----	$50.00
Charlotte—St. Michael and All Angels'	$5.00	----	36.25
Littleton—St. Anna's	1.00	----	6.00
Louisburg—St. Matthias'	4.00	$2.00	7.00
Noise—St. Philip's	----	----	6.70
Oxford—St. Cyprian's	1.71	----	2.87
Pittsboro—St. James	1.00	----	6.00
Raleigh—St. Ambrose	5.00	8.00	45.25

Raleigh—St. Augustine's	13.04	20.00	75.37
Satterwhite—St. Simeon's	----	----	2.47
Statesville—Holy Cross	----	----	----
Tarboro—St. Luke's	5.00	6.00	33.00
Warrenton—All Saints'	4.00	----	15.06
Warren County—St. Luke's	----	----	10.77
Wilson—St. Mark's	----	----	3.25
Winston—St. Stephen's	2.47	----	2.47
Offering at Convocation	----	----	2.95
Bishop Cheshire, toward the traveling expenses of delegates	----	----	50.00
			$355.41

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer September 1, 1908	$ 27.81
Traveling expenses of delegates, 1908	50,00
Stipend of Rev. C. H. Male	150.00
Stipend of Mr. Joel T. Fuller	150.00
Stationery for Secretary	.85
Traveling expenses of delegates, 1909	50.00
Total expenditures	$478.66
Total receipts	355.41
Balance due Treasurer	$ 73.25
Less specials from Woman's Auxiliary for Convocation Fund	20.75
	$ 53.50

SPECIALS.

Charlotte—St. Michael and All Angels':

Woman's Auxiliary, for Good Samaritan Hospital	$ 2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	4.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	2.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Good Samaritan Hospital	1.00
Junior Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	1.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	2.00

Louisburg—St. Matthias:	
Woman's Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	1.00
Junior Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	.75
Raleigh—St. Augustine's:	
Sunday school, for St. Agnes Hospital	10.00
Sunday school, for Archdeacon Delany	10.00
Raleigh—St. Ambrose:	
Woman's Auxiliary, for Good Samaritan Hospital	8.00
Junior Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	2.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	2.00
Littleton—St. Anna's:	
Woman's Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	2.00
Pittsboro—St. James:	
Junior Auxiliary, for Good Samaritan Hospital	1.00
Junior Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	1.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	2.00
Tarboro—St. Luke's:	
Woman's Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	4.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for Good Samaritan Hospital	3.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	1.30
Warrenton—All Saints':	
Woman's Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	1.25
Woman's Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	1.25
Junior Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	2.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	2.00
Wilson—St. Mark's:	
Woman's Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for Good Samaritan Hospital	1.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	2.00
Junior Auxiliary, for St. Agnes Hospital	2.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, for Convocation Fund	3.50

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HUNTER,
Treasurer.

September 1, 1909.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer, the Rev. A. B. Hunter, tendered his resignation, through the Bishop. By general consent, the acceptance of the resignation was deferred and the Bishop asked to try to use his influence to have Mr. Hunter withdraw his resignation.

On motion, it was decided to adjourn until Saturday morning, and that the discussion of the printing of the minutes be the order of the day.

Friday Night.

Evening services began at 8:30 o'clock, with singing of hymn 490 as processional. The Psalter and Scripture lessons were read by the Rev. J. E. King, the prayers by the Rev. James K. Satterwhite. After singing hymn 341, Rev. Robert Johnson was introduced by Archdeacon Delany as the preacher of the evening. He preached an inspiring sermon, choosing as his text Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. Hymn 359 was sung. The offerings received were for the Convocation. The closing prayers were said and the benediction pronounced by the Archdeacon. Hymn 455 was sung as a recessional.

Saturday Morning.

Morning prayer was conducted by Rev. C. H. Male, assisted by Rev. Robert Johnson. After the services the business session was called to order by the Archdeacon. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The question of printing the minutes was then brought up as the special order of the day. Some discussion followed. The following resolution was offered by the Rev. J. E. King:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have the minute of the Convocation printed each year, and that whenever necessary an assessment be made upon the parishes and missions to pay for the same.

The resolution was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to say that, after hearing the various reports from the different mission fields and comparing them with the reports of last year, we find that there is no real reason that the Convocation should despair in its work. In some cases we notice that marked progress has been made, while in a few others not so much has been done. We are glad to state that, on canvassing the financial reports of the whole number of mission stations which we have, nine of those stations have given from 38 cents to $11.14 more than they gave last year. There are only a few stations that have fallen behind. Nevertheless, we find that we are $5.17 ahead of last year.

In consideration of these facts, we, your committee, do most earnestly recommend that the present system for raising funds be continued for the next year.

We regret very much to find the financial condition of the Convocation such that we are called upon not only to withdraw some of the funds from our old clergymen for the support of our new clergy and missionaries, but have even had to close, as it were, some of our own parish schools in order to meet this demand, and yet the real demands are not met. We have just simply decided to divide this amount given us by the Board, that each worker or clergyman may have a little. But your committee feels that it is really unfair to the older clergymen, who have been and are still working for such a small stipend, to be asked to share it or to give up any part of it for any purpose. We would therefore recommend that a strong appeal be made by this Convocation to the Board of Missions, endorsed by our Bishop, for such an amount as will relieve us of this very embarrassing condition. We would further urge the clergy to use greater efforts to bring their people up to the requirements of the Convocation. We believe this can be done. We therefore recommend the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That in each organized mission or parish the minister or rector in charge shall delegate some member of his

congregation to see personally each communicant of his church and collect the Convocation assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. P. P. Alston,
Chairman.
Rev. J. K. Satterwhite,
R. L. Harris,
Wiley J. Latham,
Chas. H. Boyer.

The report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted as a substitute for the resolution adopted last year (1908) for collecting the Convocation Fund.

Archdeacon Delany made his annual report, which was heartily endorsed. The chief parts and recommendations are as follows:

1. Prospects of growth seem brighter.

2. The work at Winston-Salem actively begun. New missions started at Durham, Greensboro and Rocky Mount.

3. Presented a map showing the various mission stations in the Diocese, with statistics concerning the work, and explained the same.

4. Recommended that teachers in charge of mission schools should aid by teaching in the Sunday school and by rendering any other service to the mission that they can.

5. Recommended that no school should run with a corps of two or more teachers that did not have at least a daily attendance of forty children.

6. Recommended that no school should be permitted to run longer than two months unless it can have during the second month a daily average of at least fifteen children.

Prof. S. H. Vick was introduced to the Convocation and made a brief but very cordial address.

Rev. J. E. King then read a paper on "How Best to Arouse the People to Give." He said that the people must awake to their duty in regular and liberal contributions to the church work. The lack of proper support is the probable cause of the

fact that there are so few young men preparing for the holy ministry.

On motion, it was voted to give the Sunday offerings to St. Mark's Church to help out the local expenses.

On motion of the rector, Rev. J. E. King, the Convocation voted to meet next year at St. Ambrose Church, Raleigh.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sunday Morning Service.

Sunday morning services began with the singing of hymn 491 as a processional. The Psalter was read by Rev. Charles H. Male, the lessons by Archdeacon Delany and the prayers by Rev. Robert N. Perry. Hymn 404 was sung. The ante-communion service was read by Rev. P. P. Alston, the epistle by Rev. J. E. King; the gospel and creed followed. A very strong doctrinal sermon was preached by Archdeacon Delany. He chose as his text the 39th and 40th verses of the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev. Primus P. Alston, assisted by the Rev. J. E. King. Services ended with the singing of hymn 408.

Sunday school services began at 4 P. M. A short form of evening prayer was conducted by Rev. Mr. Alston, assisted by Rev. Robert Johnson. Mr. Alston was introduced by the Archdeacon and read an address on the Sunday school and its needs. He said that the church should make a careful selection of superintendents and teachers for the Sunday schools. A teacher should have the following qualifications:

1. Self-consecration, having heart and soul interested in the church's work.

2. They should be of strong moral character.

3. They should be well trained in the catechism and have a good knowledge of the Bible.

4. They should have interest enough in their pupils to look them up if they are absent, and minister to them if they are sick.

A general discussion followed, participated in by Messrs. King, Male, Winstead and Boyer.

Services were concluded with prayers and hymn 535.

On account of a severe storm, evening service was delayed until 8:45 o'clock. The processional hymn was 491.

Missionary addresses were made by some of the clergy.

Rev. Mr. Male gave an interesting historical account of early missionary work, as it developed from the monastery and convent. He urged every one to enter heartily in the missionary spirit, preparing men to be good citizens of earth and candidates for heaven. Hymn 432 followed.

Rev. Mr. King said that our lives should be devoted to carrying into the world the everlasting truth of eternal life. God will hold us responsible if we withhold from men the knowledge of salvation.

Mr. Alston said that it is a sacred, a glorious, a responsible and honorable thing to be a missionary. God is to convert the entire world through men as His missionary agents.

On motion, the rector and congregation of St. Mark's and the people of Wilson generally were given a standing vote of thanks for their very liberal hospitality to the members of the Convocation.

Closing remarks were made and prayers said by the Archdeacon. After singing hymn 490, the Convocation adjourned *sine die.*

Later it was decided, upon invitation, to hold the next annual meeting at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Charlotte.

Chas H. Boyer,
Secretary.